



Western Washington



Eastern Washington

<http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/PlantServicesProgram/>

**Please indicate on the application the desired geographic location you're willing to work**



## Washington State Department of Agriculture

### NURSERY INSPECTORS (Plant Services Specialist 2)

**Range 42 \$2789 - \$3631 per month**

**1 opening in Puyallup, Washington (Western Washington)**

**1 opening in Ellensburg, Washington (Eastern Washington)**

**This position is being extended until April 30, 2010. Those who have already applied do not need to apply again.**

### Come Join our Diverse and Dedicated Team

The Washington State Department of Agriculture serves the people of Washington State by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection.

The Department employs over 500 employees on a permanent basis and up to 200 additional employees on a nonpermanent basis for various seasonal work load needs in jobs ranging from brand inspectors, grain inspectors, and food safety officers, to computer information consultants and accountants. Offices and employees are located throughout the state.

The Plant Services Program inspects nurseries to ensure that consumers and the nursery industry are provided healthy, pest-free and disease-free plant materials; enforces quarantines to prevent pest introduction; provides inspection services to certify that plant materials are free from infestation as required by domestic and international markets; and provides testing and inspection services to assure disease-free planting stock for various agricultural industries, including fruit trees, seed potatoes, hops, grapes, mint, garlic, caneberries, and strawberries.

We offer:

- ✚ 11 Paid Holidays
- ✚ Sick and Vacation Leave
- ✚ Retirement
- ✚ Health, Dental and Vision
- ✚ Life and Long Term Disability
- ✚ (Optional) Dependent Care Assistance and Deferred Compensation Programs
- ✚ Free Training
- ✚ Tuition Reimbursement
- ✚ Employee Recognition
- ✚ And Much More

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[www.agr.wa.gov](http://www.agr.wa.gov)

**DUTIES:** Nursery Inspectors enforce state and federal laws and regulations governing the handling, sale or shipment of nursery stock, bulbs, cut plant material, and fruits and vegetables in an assigned geographic area. As a designated cooperator with USDA, certifies plant products to the phytosanitary standards of importing countries.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, botany, agronomy, or closely allied field and one year experience in plant regulatory activities. OR one year as a Plant Services Specialist 1. Additional qualifying experience will substitute, year for year, for required education. Designation as a cooperator by USDA-APHIS under the Federal State export certification program to issue federal phytosanitary certificates is desirable.

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- ✚ Work 40 hours in a work week.
- ✚ Must be able to work a flexible schedule with the possibility of extended hours.
- ✚ Must be able to work in inclement weather conditions.
- ✚ Must be able to travel with occasional overnight stays.
- ✚ Valid Driver's License.

**NOTE:** As a condition of employment, this position is covered under a collective bargaining agreement. Employees are required to pay regular union dues or non-association fees (dues to religious tenets) within 30 calendar days following employment.

#### HOW TO APPLY – DO NOT APPLY THROUGH CAREERS.WA.GOV

- ✚ Send a letter describing your interest in this position including how your knowledge, skills and abilities meet the qualifications and requirements
- ✚ Send an application (<http://www.dop.wa.gov/Pages/forms.aspx>) showing employment history, experience and education.
- ✚ Three professional references with current telephone numbers

*There is no recruitment number to put on the application form.*

Send full packet no later than **April 30, 2010** to:

**Linda Pentt, Human Resource Consultant**  
**P.O. Box 42560**

**Olympia, WA 98504-2560 or e-mail [hr@agr.wa.gov](mailto:hr@agr.wa.gov) or fax to (360) 902-1821**

Keep a copy of your application. You may be asked about it at the time of an interview.

*The State of Washington actively supports diversity in the workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants who need assistance in the application process or who need this announcement in an alternative format may call (360) 902-1979 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at 800-833-6388*